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SUBJ: URUGUAYAN DEFENSE MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR HOSPITAL
SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

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REF: MVD 2148

1. DEFMIN RAVENNA CALLED ME IN ON JULY 11 TO DISCUSS HIS
PERSONAL INTEREST IN OBTAINING SURPLUS U.S. HOSPITAL SUPPLIES
AND EQUIPMENT. HE WAS UPSET BY WHAT APPEARED
TO HIM TO BE ARBITRARY DECISIONS BY THE U.S. BLOCKING
WHAT HE HAD BEEN LED TO BELIEVE WERE ASSURED SETS OF
HOSPITAL SUPPLIES SET ASIDE AND PROMISED TO URUGUAY. AFTER
A DETAILED REVIEW OF AID REGULATIONS, OF THE SITUATION
AND OF THE EMBASSY'S EFFORTS, MINISTER RAVENNA SAID HE
NOW HAD BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF SITUATION. HE THEN REQUESTED
THAT WE MAKE AN ATTEMPT TO FIND SOME WAY TO MAKE THESE
SURPLUS SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE TO THE URUGUAYAN
DEFENSE MINISTRY, PERHAPS THROUGH SOME FORM OF TRANSFER
BY AID TO USDOD OR SOME SIMILAR ACTION WHICH WOULD PERMIT
THEIR PURCHASE AND DELIVERY TO THE URUGUAYAN MILITARY SERVICES.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT AID HAS SEVEN OF THESE HOSPITAL SETS
RESERVED FOR URUGUAY. MINISTER RAVENNA STRESSED THAT
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IMPROVED MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE INTERIOR ARE A HIGH

PRIORITY FOR HIM AND HE BELIEVES THE MILITARY COULD CARRY
THESE OUT WITH GREAT EFFICIENCY.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: I ENDORSE MINISTER RAVENNA'S REQUEST
THAT WE REVIEW THE POSSIBILITIES FOR MAKING THESE AID OR
OTHER HEW SURPLUS HOSPITAL SETS AVAILABLE TO THE URUGUAYAN DOD.
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